

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A polymer-containing composition comprising a block polymer compound, water or an aqueous solvent, and a functional material,

wherein the block polymer compound comprises block segments A, B, and C arranged in succession,

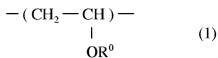
the block segment B is a hydrophilic block segment,

the block segment C is most hydrophilic while the block segment A is most hydrophobic,

the block segment C has an ionic group or an acidic group, and

the block segment C is a repeating unit represented by the following general formula

(1):



wherein

R⁰ represents —X-(COOH)_r or —X-(COO-M)_r;

X represents a linear, branched or cyclic alkylene group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms,

$-(\text{CH}(\text{R}^5)-\text{CH}(\text{R}^6)-\text{O})_p-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{CH}_{3-r}-, -(\text{CH}_2)_m-(\text{O})_n-(\text{CH}_2)_q-\text{CH}_{3-r}-$ or a structure in which at least one of methylene groups therein is replaced by a carbonyl group or an aromatic ring structure;

r represents 1 or 2;

p represents an integer from 1 to 18;

m represents an integer from 0 to 35;

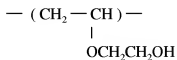
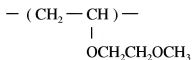
n represents 1 or 0;

q represents an integer from 0 to 17;

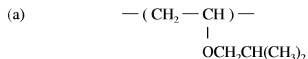
M represents a monovalent or polyvalent cation; and

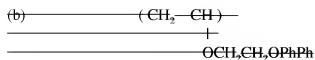
R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, each independently represent an alkyl group,

wherein the block segment B is a repeating unit represented by either one of the following formulae:

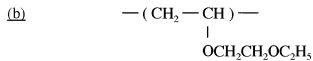


wherein the block segment A is a repeating unit represented by any of the following formulae:



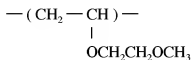


(c)



and

wherein when the block segment A is the repeating unit represented by formula (c) (b),
the block segment B is the repeating unit represented by



where Ph represents a phenylene group.

12. (Previously Presented) The polymer-containing composition according to claim 11, wherein the functional material is included in the block polymer compound.

13. (Previously Presented) The polymer-containing composition according to claim 11, wherein the functional material is a colorant.

14 - 25. (Cancelled)